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Officer recovers after being stabbed in head

► Police: Deranged suspect plunged knife into cop's skull after 911 call ► Eighth cop seriously injured in 2012 ► Most cops hurt so far this year since 2007 {page 02}



► Police recovered this bloody knife at the scene. They say it was used to stab Police Officer Eder Loor at about 10:30 a.m. yesterday in East Harlem.

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Out of outrage comes the rare policy change

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In the news

Three injured after taxi hits Midtown hotel

Three people were injured when a taxi hit a truck, and was then sent careening into the Radisson Hotel early yesterday morning at Lexington Avenue and 48th Street. According to Fox, both drivers, of the taxi and the tractor trailer, blamed each other for running a red light, and each were taken to the hospital, along with a passenger. Only minor injuries were reported.

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In the news

**Alec for office?**

Alec Baldwin is flirting with the idea of running for office again. The "30 Rock" star told Bloomberg News yesterday that he would consider running for office, saying it "is something that I would love to do." He said his contract with NBC requires him to work through 2013. He did admit he is not qualified for a job like city comptroller or attorney general.

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► Hynes

Hundreds of NY children abused daily

A new report out yesterday revealed that 200 children are abused every day in New York state.

The new study shows that not only are hundreds of kids abused every day, but also 114 children died in 2010 as a result of abuse or neglect.

"That number should

shock the conscience of every one of us," Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes said.

Hynes, along with other district attorneys, said yesterday that the government should fund voluntary home visiting programs, which supporters say can be key in preventing abuse.

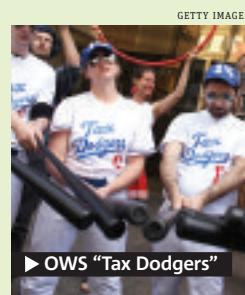
In home visiting programs, which parents can choose to participate in, people visit new moms and dads, giving tips and advice. Officials say they can stave off abuse by providing families support.

"The evidence is very clear that it's very effective," said Meredith Wiley at Fight

Crime: Invest in Kids New York, the group that put out the report.

Many abuse victims grow up to abuse their kids, too: The report estimates that 3,000 people abused their children because they themselves were abused or neglected.

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**Tax 'dodgers' protest Ann Romney lunch**

MIDTOWN. "Take me out to the tax game." That's what protesters donning Dodger-esque baseball uniforms sang yesterday — the deadline for filing taxes — on the streets of Manhattan, as they protested corporate tax loopholes. The "Tax Dodgers," who channel the Occupy movement's 99 percent theme, held a rally at James A. Farley Post Office, then marched to Trump Towers, where a birthday party for Ann Romney was hosted by Donald and Melania Trump.

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NYPD officer in critical condition after stabbing

► Knife wielded by madman in East Harlem pierced his skull, penetrated his brain, mayor said ► 28-year-old cop father of one, with second child due in July ► Eighth New York City cop who was seriously injured this year

A police officer remained in critical, but stable, condition last night after he was stabbed in the head yesterday morning in East Harlem.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said that Eder Loor was stabbed at around 10:30 a.m. by a suspect he described as emotionally disturbed.

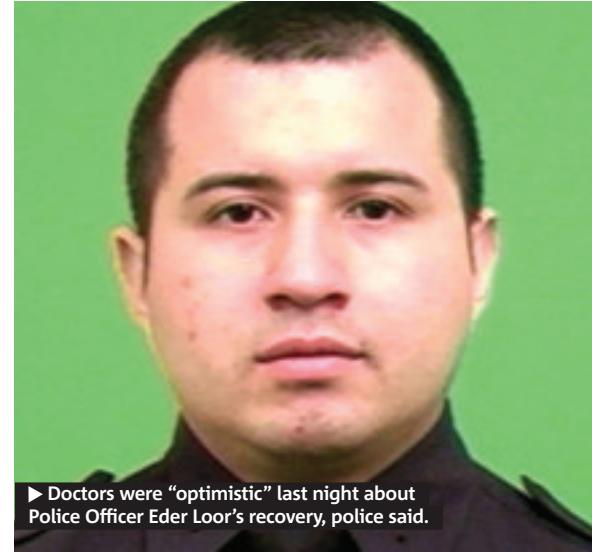
Loor was stabbed in his left temple with a knife that penetrated his skull, causing bleeding on the brain that required immediate surgery.

The knife penetrated his brain, said the mayor.

The emergency surgery took several hours yesterday, but Bloomberg said doctors were "very optimistic" about his condition.

"The smiles were on their faces," he said. "Having said that, he's certainly not out of the woods yet."

Loor and his partner, Police Officer Luckson Merisme, responded to a call of an emotionally disturbed person at Franklin Plaza, a housing complex at Third Avenue and East



► Doctors were "optimistic" last night about Police Officer Eder Loor's recovery, police said.

106th Street.

When they arrived at the building, they were met by the woman who called 911. She told them her son, Terrence Hale, 26, was in the apartment upstairs, and need-

ed to go to the hospital.

They found Hale in the building lobby, approached him and told him they would take him to a hospital, Bloomberg said.

Then, police said, the man

► **2012 already a dangerous year for police**



► Brennan

► **Loor is the eighth police officer seriously injured so far this year. And 2012 has already been deemed the worst year for officer-shooting injuries since 2007, the mayor said.**

- Earlier this month, three cops were shot in the leg and one was grazed in the face during a hostage stand-off in Brooklyn on Easter Sunday.
- Also on Easter Sunday, two officers in two separate inci-

dents were stabbed, both in the Bronx.

► Police Officer Kevin Brennan narrowly escaped death when he was shot in the back of the head while wrestling with a suspect in Bushwick in February. The bullet missed his brain by mere inches. NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly called Brennan's survival "a miracle."

"(He) was shot at point-blank range with a .38 caliber round," Kelly said. "Thank God he's alive."

Suspect has a record

He was arrested previously in 2002, for robbery, and in 2006 for assault, in which he stabbed the victim with a knife. He was also arrested one time in New Jersey, for riot and one time in Pennsylvania, for assault.

stabbed Loor with a knife, slashing him in the head.

Hale was arrested, with assault charges pending and was taken to Metropolitan Hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly and Bloomberg both visited Loor in the hospital yesterday, along with his patrol partner, Merisme, who was treated for high blood pressure.

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Soon-to-be father of two

Loor, 28, joined the force in 2006. He has a young daughter, and his wife is pregnant, with a baby due in July, the mayor said. He joined the department six years ago and has been assigned to the 23rd Precinct ever since. He also serves in the Air Force National Guard.



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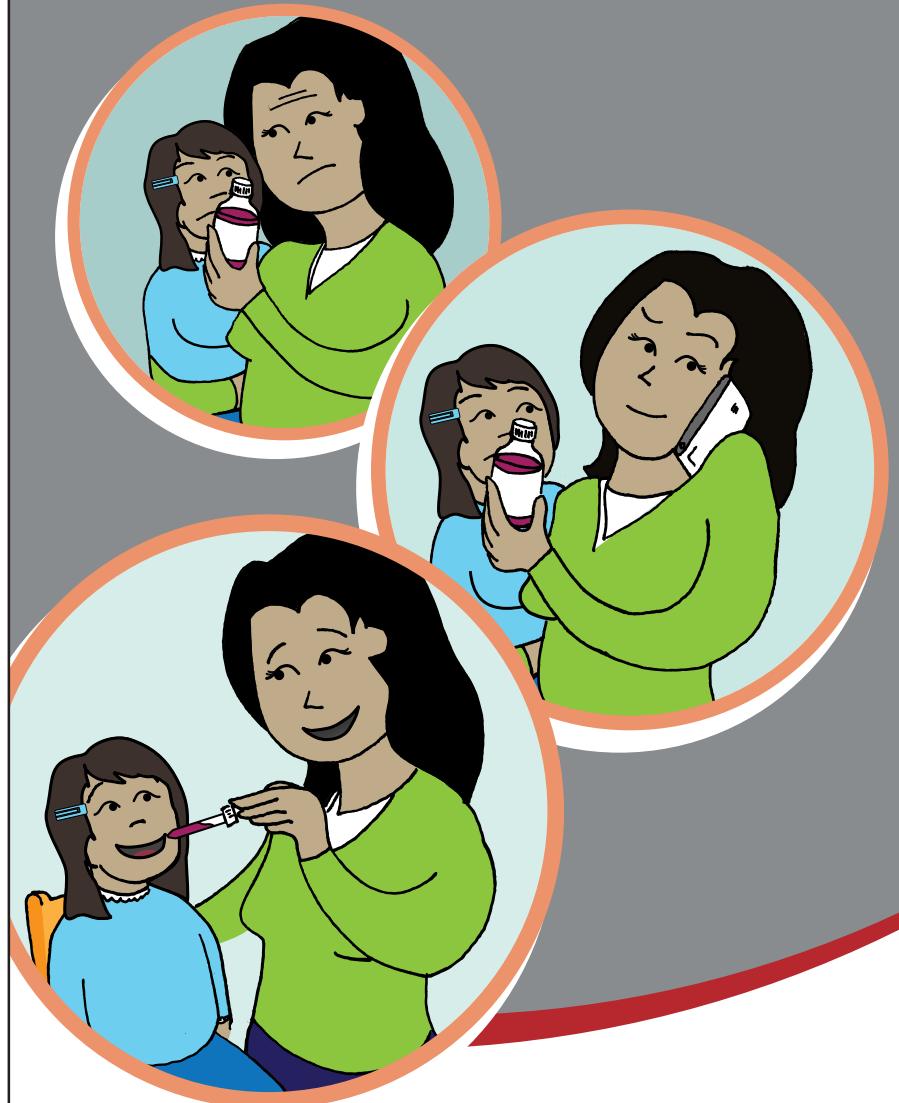
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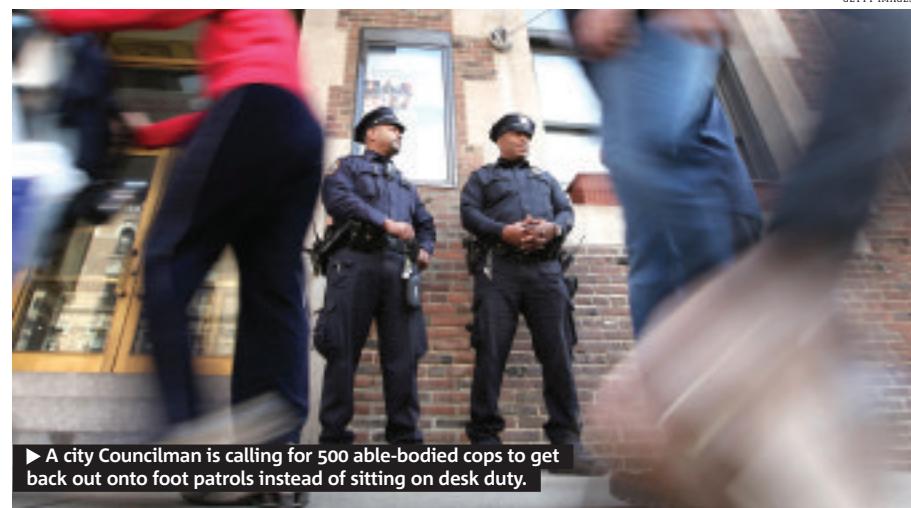
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Councilman to cops: Get back on the street

► Politician wants officers on patrol, not sitting at desks ► Call comes as crime steadily increases ► But not all agree civilians should be hired to replace cops



► A city Councilman is calling for 500 able-bodied cops to get back out onto foot patrols instead of sitting on desk duty.

Hundreds of New York City officers are sitting at desks filling out paperwork when they could be out patrolling the streets of the city.

Queens Councilman Peter Vallone, chair of the City Council's Public Safety Committee, wants to move 500 cops away from desk duty — and out onto the streets. At City Hall today, he will push to give these jobs to civilians instead.

Officers on desk duty can be cops who have been injured, such as someone thrown down steps during an arrest, or older cops, a Patrolmen's Benevolent Association spokesman said. However, healthy officers also fill those desk jobs as well.

Those positions, Vallone said, could be filled by civilians who can do the same tasks.

"The quickest way to get more cops on the street is to get them out from behind the desk," Vallone told Metro.

Vallone said several unions agree with him, including Local 1549, filled with clerical and ad-

ministrative workers, and DC 37, a public employees' union. The civilian jobs at the NYPD might be staffed by their members.

The call comes at a time when New York City is suffering from a 20-year low count of officers. With 34,400 officers on the street right now, that's about 6,000 fewer than a decade ago, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly has said.

And crime is inching up. According to NYPD statistics, since last year, robberies are up 7 percent, and grand larcenies are up 10 percent, although murders are down 10 percent. Vallone noted that seven officers have been shot in four months, including Peter Figoski, killed in the line of duty in December.

"If you get 500 cops on the street, that's one or two per square mile in New York City, and that would make a big difference," Vallone said.

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Pushback comes from some police

Not all are on board with the Councilman's suggestion. PBA president Patrick Lynch called the idea a "Band-Aid approach to replacing the 7,000 officers that the NYPD has lost since 2001."

Lynch said the only solution is to hire more actual police officers, instead of civilian fill-ins.

"We are in dire need of thousands of more police officers on our streets, and the only way to accomplish that goal is to commit funds to hiring more police officers," Lynch said. ● METRO/AB

Suggestion may save up to \$16 million

The NYC Independent Budget Office estimates that replacing 500 cops with civilian clerks would have saved as

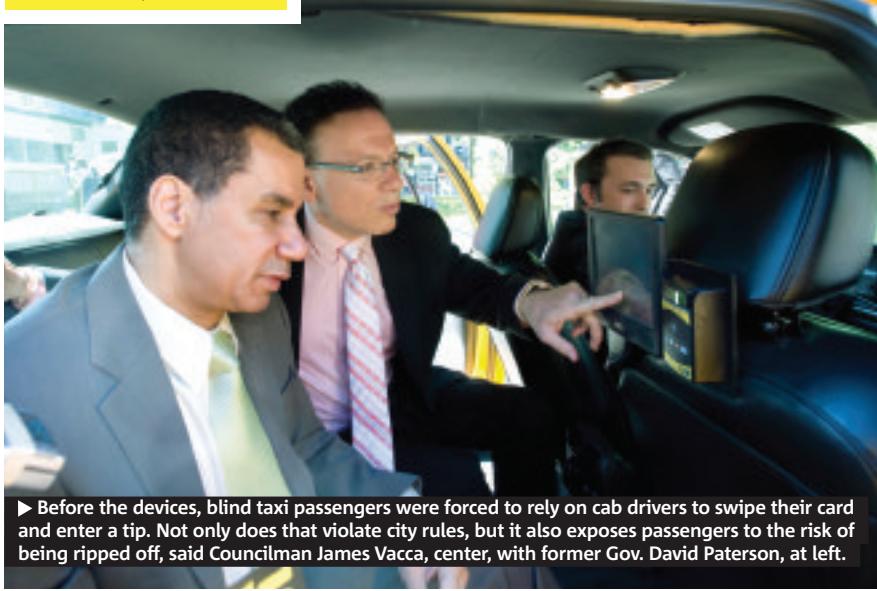
much as \$16 million for fiscal year 2012, Vallone said.

According to Vallone's office, about 951 officers' positions could be filled by civilians. Out of those positions, 518 are filled by full-duty officers, and the rest are filled by officers on light or modified duty, a Vallone spokes-

woman said.

He proposes paying civilians about \$10 million in salaries, which is less than what officers would make for the same jobs. The price would pale in comparison to what is spent on police overtime, budgeted at \$418 million for fiscal year 2013. ● METRO/AB

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New help for the blind comes to cabs

One of two companies that outfits the city's yellow cabs with credit card readers unveiled new technology yesterday that will make it much easier for blind or visually impaired taxi riders to pay. And who was one of the first to use it? Former New York Gov. David Paterson, who is blind. "This is the first time I'll be able to use a credit card by myself in a taxi cab, and I was the Governor of New York!" he joked. The devices will be installed in 1,200 cabs. ■ METRO/CB

Bronx prep school teacher accused of sex affair with his student

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"Upon learning of these serious allegations last May, we immediately conducted a preliminary investigation and, consistent with our policies, notified the appropriate authorities, and terminated the teacher."

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A former teacher at an exclusive prep school in the Bronx has been accused of having a sexual relationship with one of his underage female students.

Richard Hovan, 30, was indicted Monday on charges that he had sexual contact with a student while a teacher at Riverdale Country School, located in the tony Bronx neighborhood of Riverdale.

He pleaded not guilty in Manhattan Supreme Court to charges of a criminal sex act and endangering the welfare of a child.

Prosecutors say he had a sexual relationship with a teenage student at the school for more than a year, and that the two had oral sex at his apartment in Chelsea.

According to the Manhattan district attorney's office, the girl was 15 years old when

the two allegedly began exchanging text messages. She was 16 years old when the alleged crimes took place.

The alleged contact, including e-mails, texts, phone calls and in-person hookups, went from December 2010 to May 2011, according to court documents. Hovan was fired from Riverdale Country School last year.

His attorney, Vinoo Varghese, told Metro, "Richard Hovan is a dedicated son, brother and teacher. He is innocent of these charges and looking forward to clearing his name."



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Faux outrage: When to stand your ground



► Protesters in Georgia rally in memory of slain Florida teenager Trayvon Martin.

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Correction

We'd like to correct an error made in yesterday's Metropolitik in which we erroneously attributed the 2000 Supreme Court ruling of *Bush v. Gore* — a vote that placed Republican George W. Bush in the White House, ultimately decided by Republican appointees — to 2004. This was a boneheaded mistake, and we'd like to thank all the readers who brought it to our attention. Thanks for the free fact-checking, guys! How could we confuse this potent symbol of democracy's failings?

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There's been a marked upsurge in outrage this campaign season, with not much to show for it — until now.

There was conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh calling activist Sandra Fluke a slut and worse. The right was apoplectic over what they perceived as an attempt by President Obama to force religious institutions to provide health care that they deemed immoral; the left was outraged at the attempt to distract from the very real issue of women's health. Nasty attacks flew left and right, and the outrage only grew, with no real gains for either to speak of.

The more recent Ann Romney "war on moms" flap fol-

lowed a similar trajectory. A Democratic operative, Hilary Rosen, made comments suggesting that Mrs. Romney may not be best equipped to provide analysis on the realities of the working poor. The Romneys, apparently perceiving the remarks as an attack on working mothers, showed their outrage; the left came back with even more outrage. Blather, rinse, repeat.

Somewhere between these two manufactured controversies lies the tragic killing of Florida teenager

Trayvon Martin. The Martin case quickly became a talking point in the heated partisan divide — especially following President Obama's entry into the fray, in which he commented that his hypothetical son would look like Martin.

The left raged at the apparent lack of justice; the right raged over cries of racism, the claim that the media used an outdated photo to make the teen seem more sympathetic and a belief that the undeniable victim had some minor criminal history. Insults were hurled with vigor, and we all hated each other just a little bit more.

But it seems that, in this incident at least, there may actually be some positive outcome lurking in the muck. That's because the American Legislative Exchange Council — the group maligned by progressives for pushing the Stand Your Ground law that allowed Trayvon killer George Zimmerman to escape arrest for so long — bowed to corporate pressure and announced it was getting out of the culture war business yesterday. Praise the free market at work!

ALEC, which provides model legislation free of charge to time-pressed lawmakers, lost major corporate support these past few weeks — big names such as Coca-Cola, McDonald's and more — over progressive protests related to the Trayvon incident. Now the organization, whose effects can be measured by the fact that its suggestions have repeatedly made it word for word into U.S. law, says it will be staying out of "issues that don't have a direct bearing on our company or on our industry."

Apparently outrage can occasionally yield success. There goes the neighborhood.

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Amount that would be saved in the U.S. budget by the recently scuttled "Buffett Rule"

to equalize taxes on millionaires. Republicans uniformly attacked this as "political gimmickry" and "class warfare" that "won't solve our larger problems."

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Support for secret service chief despite hooker storm

President Barack Obama has confidence in Secret Service director Mark Sullivan and believes he acted swiftly to deal with a scandal in Colombia where agents were alleged to have engaged in misconduct involving prostitutes, the White House said yesterday.



Eleven Secret Service agents were placed on administrative leave following the incident at a hotel in Cartagena, Colombia, that marred Obama's weekend trip there for a hemispheric summit and raised questions about the agency's culture.

"The president has confidence in Director Sullivan," Obama's spokesman Jay Carney told reporters. "The director acted swiftly in response to this incident and is overseeing an investigation."

Carney said he had not discussed with Obama any concerns that the American public might lose faith in the agency — whose main duty is protecting the president and his family — and declined to speculate on any conclusions the probe might reach.

He said Obama had not set a timeframe for the investigation and was instead more interested that it be done thoroughly and efficiently. **REUTERS**

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Discovery makes its last flight

The space shuttle Discovery made its final voyage yesterday: a piggyback jet ride to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum annex in Virginia. The United States retired its space shuttles last year after finishing construction of the \$100 billion International Space Station. **REUTERS**

News in brief



Shock jock Stern loses \$300M suit

NEW YORK. A judge has dismissed radio personality Howard Stern's \$330 million lawsuit accusing Sirius XM Radio Inc. of failing to pay him stock awards he was due for helping the dominant U.S. satellite radio company exceed growth targets.

New York State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Kapnick in Manhattan said Stern and his agent Don Buchwald were bound by the language of the 2004 agreement that brought the

now 58-year-old "shock jock" to what became Sirius XM from traditional radio. **REUTERS**

Ipsos poll: Romney gaining on Obama

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama's lead over Mitt Romney has narrowed to 4 percentage points from 11 points a month ago, now that Romney has established

himself as the probable Republican presidential nominee, according to a **Reuters/Ipsos** poll released on Monday.

Obama was backed by 47 percent of registered voters in the telephone poll conducted from April 12-15, compared with 43 percent who supported Romney. In the same poll conducted March 8-11, Obama led Romney by 52 percent to 41 percent. **REUTERS**



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Vinny Guadagnino: The next Deepak Chopra?

"Jersey Shore" star **Vinny Guadagnino** is out to prove there's more to him than just being a suave guido who occasionally suffers from pink eye. In his new book, "Control the Crazy: My Plan to Stop Stressing, Avoid Drama, and Maintain Inner Cool," Guadagnino proves that not only can he pronounce such serious names as **Deepak Chopra**, **Thich Nhat Hanh** and **Eckhart Tolle**, but he also sees himself as an "ambassador" to their influential brand of pop-psych for a younger generation.

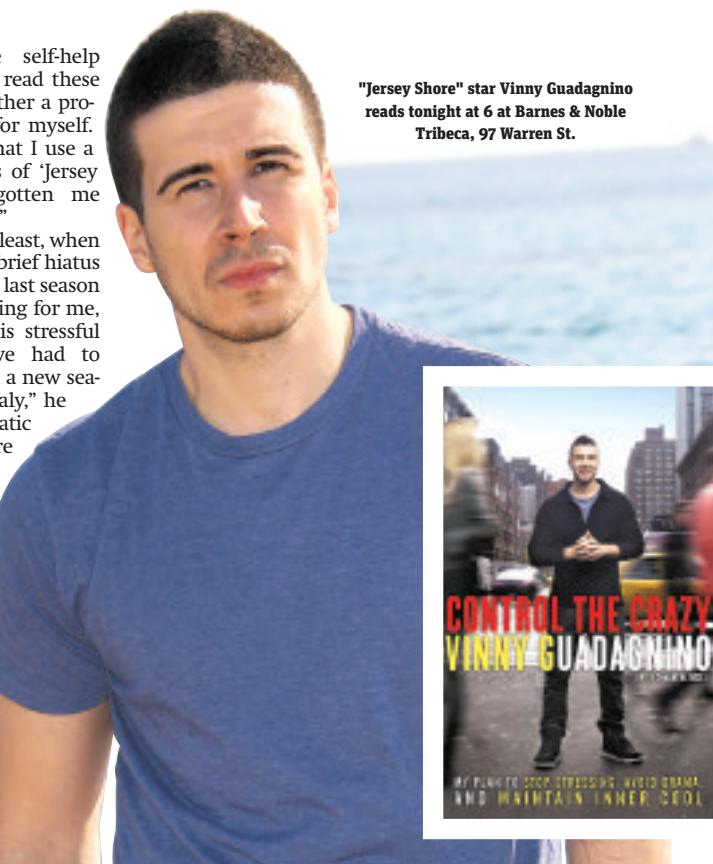
"They are the masters. I certainly didn't invent this stuff, but it wasn't them inventing it either," he told Metro during a recent interview. "It's just a message that can be told in many different voices — a Buddhist monk, a psychologist, a spiritual guru or now, you know, a cast member of the 'Jersey Shore'."

For Guadagnino, who has suffered from various panic disorders since high school and even during Season 1 of the show that made him famous, it was this anxiety that led him to

start reading the self-help genre. "I started to read these books and put together a program in my head for myself. That program is what I use a lot on four seasons of 'Jersey Shore,' and it's gotten me through all of them."

Until last year, at least, when Guadagnino took a brief hiatus from Season 5. "The last season got a little overbearing for me, because we had this stressful schedule where we had to come over and start a new season straight from Italy," he explains of his dramatic (yet brief) departure from the series. "What happened on the show, it happened for me naturally. So I said, 'You know what? Now's the perfect opportunity to try to help people because they know I'm not bulls—ing. It's all real life.'"

With original reporting by Jim Fennier



"Jersey Shore" star Vinny Guadagnino reads tonight at 6 at Barnes & Noble Tribeca, 97 Warren St.



Hit the books

Vinny's Top 5 self-help books

- "The Power of Now" by Eckhart Tolle
- "The Power of Intention" by Wayne Dyer
- "The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success" by Deepak Chopra
- "Being Peace" by Thich Nhat Hanh
- "The Four Agreements" by Miguel Ruiz



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Katy Perry knows what she likes, Ellen Page is a fan of fashion innovations, Alec Baldwin is dealing with his critics and Albert Brooks is worried about the afterlife.

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If it was the end of the world I would only listen to bjork.

@EllenPage
Sweater vests, they solve the age old problem, hot arms...cold chest.

@alecbaldwin
People attack me every day. I try to roll with it. Some days, I do better than others.

@AlbertBrooks
Wouldn't it be funny if God only cared about how you looked?



Talking points

Berry backtracks on that 'no marriage' promise

Halle Berry confirmed that she's engaged to Olivier Martinez. "Who knew? I swore it off, right?" Berry tells Extra. "Never say never, people." But "never" is exactly what Berry said in 2004 when she told Oprah Winfrey, "I will never marry again. I mean it with every bone in my body." Three years later, she told InStyle magazine, "I will never — nev-

er — get married again."

Lohan parties at Coachella

Despite instructions from a judge to avoid clubs and partying, recently probation-free Lindsay Lohan was spotted living it up at the Coachella music festival in the desert outside Los Angeles over the weekend, according to Hollyscoop. To her credit, though, sources claim Lohan wasn't drinking. The trou-



Live it up, Lohan!

bled actress is reportedly well aware that onlookers were "whispering" about her presence at the festival, but she's eager to prove she can control herself around alcohol.

Downey Jr. on parenthood

Parenting is nothing new to Robert Downey Jr. — he already has an 18-year-old son from a previous marriage, Indio — but the "Iron Man" star admits he was filled with fear before the Feb. 7 birth of his new son, Exton. "There was all this trepidation, all this projection, all the anticipation and goodwill and a good vibe



Daddy Downey

about it," he tells Esquire. "But what you're squeezing to the side — or what's in the glove box — is these thousands of

forms of fear. And then he was born and they've all just kind of scattered now. It seems like he's always been here."

Brown enters not guilty plea

Bobby Brown has entered a plea of not guilty to charges stemming from his arrest for driving under the influence last month, according to Hollyscoop. Brown was pulled over for using his mobile phone while driving and reportedly registered a blood-alcohol level of .12 at the time. He could face up to six months in jail if convicted.

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As New York's most recognizable film festival matures, director of programming Genna Terranova describes the goals of the fest and why 'The Avengers' is the perfect way to finish this year's events



► Downtown is ready for the film folks to descend.

TRIBECA AT 11

Now entering its 11th year, the Tribeca Film Festival is still kind of a baby when compared with the long-established Sundance, Toronto, Venice and Cannes film festivals. But as Tribeca, founded

by Robert De Niro, Jane Rosenthal and Craig Hatkoff, ages gracefully, its identity has become more pronounced.

"We're a discovery festival," says director of program-

ming for the festival, Genna Terranova. "We show a diversity of movies but we're not a festival of festivals. We don't play only movies that have played at other film festivals. We are looking for discovering new talent and showing peoples' movies for the first time and also world premiering movies that also may be coming to theaters later in the spring or the summer."

This year's festival opens with the Judd Apatow-produced romantic comedy "The Five-Year Engagement" and finishes with the comic book action film "The Avengers." Terranova explains that aside from providing an opportunity for indie films to be seen, their focus is also squarely on those mass-market, world-premiering films in order to

get the word out about the festival.

"The Avengers" is quite fitting, because it builds a lot of awareness for the film festival," she says. "Some people don't know what it's like to go to a film festival, and if you have a film that they've heard of that's playing at a film festival, I think that draws attention to it. They might go and discover something interesting or new that they might not have seen before."

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Making the cut

Q: You watch more than 1,000 films every year for the festival. How do you know if a film is a strong candidate for showing?

► "Oftentimes when you're watching something that's really getting you, you stop thinking because you're so enthralled in the story, so it's not highly intellectual. Then you come away from the

movie and you say, 'Well, that movie gave me a good feeling,' but that's not sufficient enough when you're programming. You actually have to go and talk to people and explain why you liked it and why it moves you. We [on the programming team] talk exhaustively about movies with each other. Oftentimes you can watch something and not be sure about it and then have your colleague watch it and then you bounce off their reaction."



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A slice of Brie

Alison Brie, familiar to fans of TV's "Community" and "Mad Men," has been asked to do a lot of things before as an actress, but never play British. And in "The Five-Year Engagement," the request was a bit more specific than that: She had to be believable as Emily Blunt's sister. So, to prepare, Brie immersed herself in Blunt — stalking, basically.

Did shadowing Emily so much to get the voice right ever get weird?

It looked like I was "Single White Female"-ing her a lot of the time. (Laughs) If someone had taken a picture from across the room, it would've been weird — like her just laughing and talking, and me



Alison Brie delivers an infamous toast in "The Five-Year Engagement."

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No! Not at all. I think it was a ploy on his part ... He kept us apart so we couldn't.

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charismatic Filipino singer who became Journey's new front man.

"Trishna"

Director Michael Winterbottom has long been a friend of the Tribeca Film Festival and this year he brings a story of a young peasant girl (Freida Pinto) who falls in love with a wealthy Englishman.

"Booker's Place: A Mississippi Story"

This complex doc tells the story of an African-American man who in the 1960s spoke openly and honestly to a filmmaker about what it was like to be the victim of racism at the time and soon after paid the ultimate price for doing so.

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'The Witcher 2:
Enhanced Edition'
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The "Witcher" series is an unlikely console success story. The franchise was developed for the PC by a small Polish company. The first one moved some units. The second one was a bona-fide phenomenon. Now Xbox 360 players can stop watching "Game of Thrones" for a while to actually, um, sort of play it. As long as you don't have to leave your couch, right?

Just like the HBO show and stocky book series, this game



► Look familiar?

has backstabbing and political intrigue in spades. You play as a monster-hunter dropped in the middle of a kingdomwide conflict. There is sex and violence galore, so don't let your rambunctious teen trick you into buying this to make up for years of parental neglect.

There's also a fantastic, open world to explore filled with genre-defying characters. The elves in this game are tree-

dwelling murderers and the dwarves are lazy fornicators. It's like Tolkien if his entire worldview was predicated on methamphetamines and finding his wife with another man.

And the gameplay? It's a blast. This game has the most satisfying fighting mechanics in recent memory. There's an easily accessible menu that lets you dole out lethal magic on the fly and the melee combat just feels right. Preparation and smarts are rewarded here. If you go in expecting to just mash buttons, you'll get your medieval butt handed to you.

The graphics are stunning and in some cases even better than its closest competitor, "Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim." You'll run into some frame rate hiccups every now and again, but its nothing that'll ruin the experience. It is, after all, running on a console that is nearly 7 years old. Ah, Father Time, you miserable bastard.

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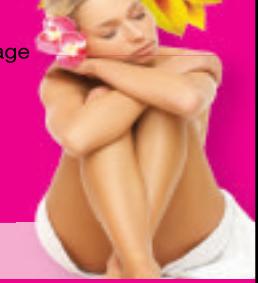


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What's a Pippa? And who cares?

RE: "PIPPA, GET YOUR GUN?" Can we please not report on Pippa Middleton, who really cares? And it happened in France, so again, who really cares? There is so much more important news that needs to be addressed.

MARYANN RUGGIERO, VIA E-MAIL

"Millions of people fight similar battles every day while also worrying about feeding their kids."

RE: "MIXED BAG ON ROMNEYS,
MOTHERS": There's no disputing your point that Ann Romney is valiant for raising five children while battling Multiple Sclerosis, which proves that "money can't buy

health." But the contrasting issue between her and everyday folks is that she had no need to worry about encountering a financial crisis as well during her battle. Millions of people fight similar battles every day while also worrying about feeding their kids and paying the electric bill. For them, it's a double burden.

JOSEPH R. LAPENTA, VIA E-MAIL

I think the Metro should print Igor Mannikus' letters every day. In quoting noted socio-political scholars, Professors Calvin and Hobbes, he has really driven home the seriousness of the GOP platform. For if indeed "the purpose of writing is to inflate weak ideas, obscure poor reasoning and inhibit clarity" then who better to illustrate this to us all than Mr. Mannikus?

JD DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL

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Big issue lost in Colombia scandal

Reporting about President Obama's visit to Colombia for the Summit of the Americas made it seem as though the most shocking news was about the Secret Service. However, the real scandal in Colombia is that ongoing war has created the largest internal displacement crisis in the world, with an estimated 5.2 million people left homeless after fleeing from violence. And Obama didn't even mention it. Another dirty little secret? Since 2000, Washington has sent approximately \$8 billion from taxpayers in mostly military aid to the Colombian government, whose armed forces happen to have the worst human rights record in our hemisphere.

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Dems created the phony women war

Democrats invented the "war on women" to hide their own history of woman-hating. They are known to defend the rappers who call women "bitches" and "hos"; Sharia law that treats women worse than cattle; and Bill Maher, Keith Olbermann, Ed Schultz and Chris Matthews — who have called women sluts, bimbos and far worse. And yet no Democrat has ever taken members of their own party to task, especially after Bill Maher's donation to Obama's super PAC. The biggest woman-haters are Democrat women who condone this behavior.

ROCCO LORE, VIA E-MAIL

Military spending is a moral outrage

In the U.S., 60 percent of federal discretionary spending goes to military spending. This accounts for almost 40 percent of the world's military expenditures. This is immoral and unsustainable.

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Horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Establish your own agenda if you can. You'll know better than anyone what you need to accomplish and what can wait. Don't let anybody or anything take you off course.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. Being in a devilish mood, you're dying to tell others the secret you possess. If you give in and tell all, you'll be in the soup.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. A social involvement could prove to be both enjoyable and instructive, especially if you're interacting with a small group. Intimate circles have a way of revealing much.

♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. Because you have the capacity to focus on significant objectives, achieving success in your endeavors is likely. Once you establish a goal, you won't be dissuaded from your task.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. You're not likely to be much of a talker, but when you do speak up it will be with something that needs to be said and of extreme value to your listeners.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. A close friend of yours could receive some important information from a reliable source and won't be remiss about sharing it with you. What you learn could make or save you.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. When making an important agreement with another, be sure to scrutinize all the fine print. Chances are it'll be those nasty "insignificant" items that cause trouble down the line.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. This is an excellent day to rid get rid of all those nasty, minor jobs that have piled up. Clear the decks so that you can make room for more important projects coming your way.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. A social contact you've established could be of big help concerning something that is occurring in another area of your life. She or he will be just the person you need to help out.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Drop everything and take care of something important that only you can bring to a successful conclusion. It probably involves a domestic affair.

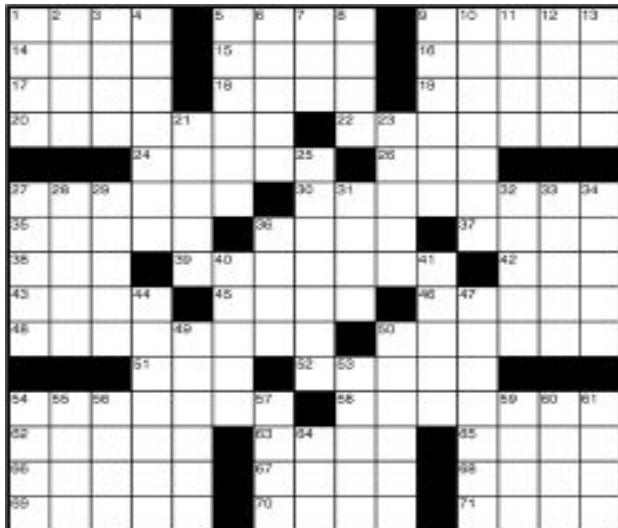
♒ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. A perfect opportunity to bring out into the open a critical matter that you've been reluctant to discuss may present itself. Don't waste this chance to unload.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Think in terms of making a lot of small profits instead of scoring one big kill. Little gains have better chances of occurring, and they can add up into something significant.

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The road ahead ...

► NFL releases 2012 schedules for all 32 teams ► We analyze Jets', Giants' paths to the postseason ► Tebow debuts vs. Bills, Giants face rough close

The NFL released its official schedules last night to all the pomp and circumstance you would expect from the No. 1 sport in the country.

And yes, Jets fans, your first glimpse of Tim Tebow in a game that counts will likely come at home. The Jets open with a division matchup against the Bills on Sept. 9.

As for the defending champions, the Giants open with the Cowboys on Sept. 5 in the season opener — the only game on the schedule that

was previously announced.

But it's likely not until the end of the season that we will know just where the Giants stand in their quest to repeat. They face a brutal last six games, four of which come against teams in the playoffs last season. The two teams that weren't — the Redskins and Eagles — are fierce division rivals. New York will also get a chance to repeat last year's NFC championship game win at San Francisco in Week 6.

"As always, we face a very challenging schedule," Giants head coach Tom Coughlin said in a statement. "To get where we want to go you have to play the best teams in football and we certainly are playing the best teams."

The Giants will play five games in prime time and four more in the late afternoon window on Sundays.

A heavy national dose of the defending champs isn't a surprise, but with Tebow and the Jets circus in town, it's no surprise they also get a

heavy dose of national exposure.

It starts early with a trip to Pittsburgh in Week 2 that CBS will show to most of the country at 4:15 p.m. In a new twist, the NFL is expanding their

Thursday night coverage and the game everyone will immediately be looking toward is Patriots vs. Jets in Week 12. The real question is, who will be the starting quarterback for the Jets by then?

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Games to watch



Manning

Metro takes a very early look at four national games to keep an eye on this fall:

- Sept. 9, Steelers at Broncos Peyton Manning will face a familiar foe in James Harrison and the Pittsburgh defense. Better be healthy.
- Nov. 7, Panthers at Redskins The team names might not stand out, but how about Cam Newton vs. RGIII?
- Nov. 25, 49ers at Saints Bountygate gets its rematch. It was before this NFC playoff game that Gregg Williams wanted to target Alex Smith.
- Dec. 10, Texans at Patriots If Matt Schaub and Andre Johnson hadn't been hurt, it might've been the Texans playing in the Super Bowl.



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In the news

Brown is back

Larry Brown (yes, that Larry Brown) was hired as head coach of SMU's men's basketball team yesterday.

Brown's last coaching job was with the Bobcats from 2008-10. He spent 2005-2006 with the Knicks.

He hasn't coached in college since 1988 with Kansas, when he won a national title.

Brown, 71, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2002 and has 2,002 career NBA wins and 177 NCAA wins.



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Florida takes control at Rock

The Devils made their living during the regular season with the NHL's best penalty kill. It was cruel irony that unit that was directly responsible for the Devils' demise last night.

The Devils' penalty killers surrendered three goals on three powers plays in their 4-3 loss to the Panthers at the Prudential Center. The Devils now trail the best-of-seven series 2-1. Game 4 is tomorrow night at the Rock.

Brian Campbell's wrister

17 Florida pulled Theodore after he allowed three goals on six shots. Clemmenson stopped 17-of-17 shots.

with 6:34 remaining in the second period ended up as the game-winner. Former Islander Sean Bergenheim, Jason Garrison and Mike Weaver also scored for Florida.

Almost as shocking as the failure of the penalty kill units

was that the Devils, the franchise that revolutionized the how-to-play-with-a-lead approach to hockey, blew a 3-0 lead.

Goals off the sticks of Zach Parise, Stephen Gionta and Patrik Elias prompted Florida to replace starter Jose Theodore with Clemmensen early in the first period. Clemmensen was brilliant.

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► Jason Garrison celebrates his first-period goal.

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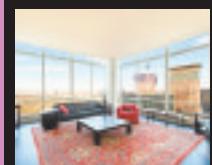
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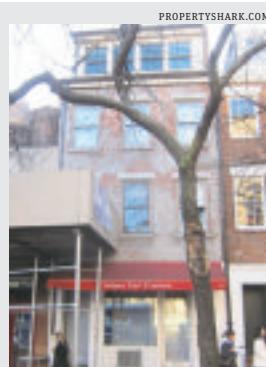
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Boivin, who told The Real Deal he was buying the property for his own "personal use," purchased the three-story townhouse for \$5.5 million, records show. The deal closed March 13. It was not immediately clear if a broker was involved in the deal.

Horovitz, who's married to musician and feminist activist Kathleen Hanna, bought the home, between



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Replace your toilet

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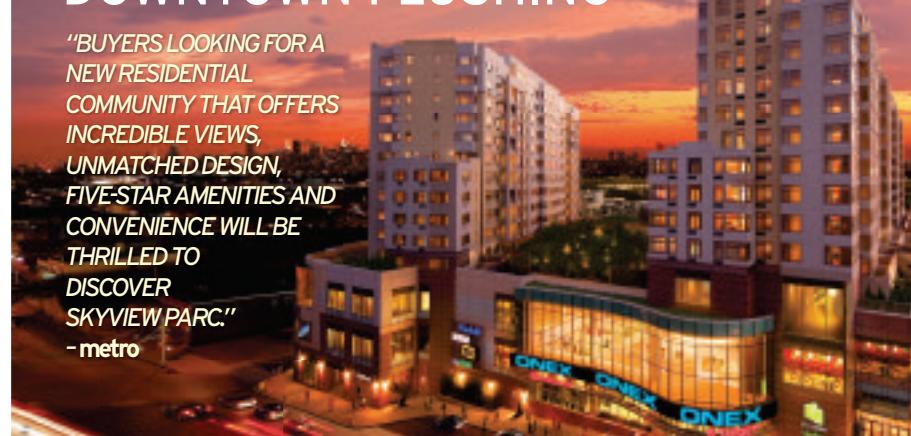
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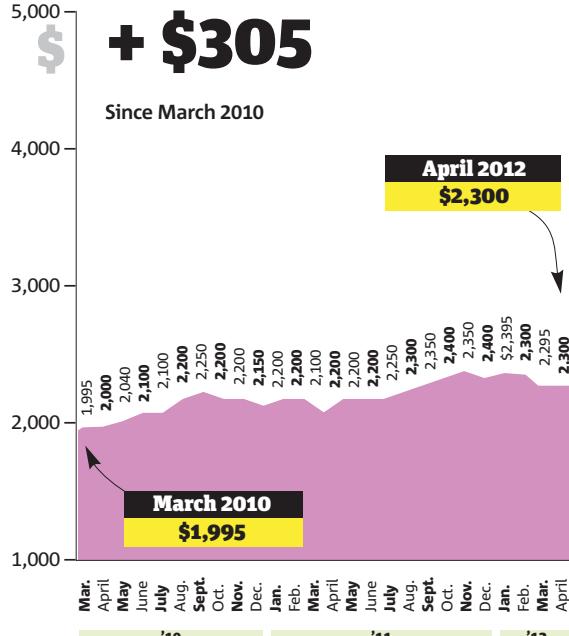
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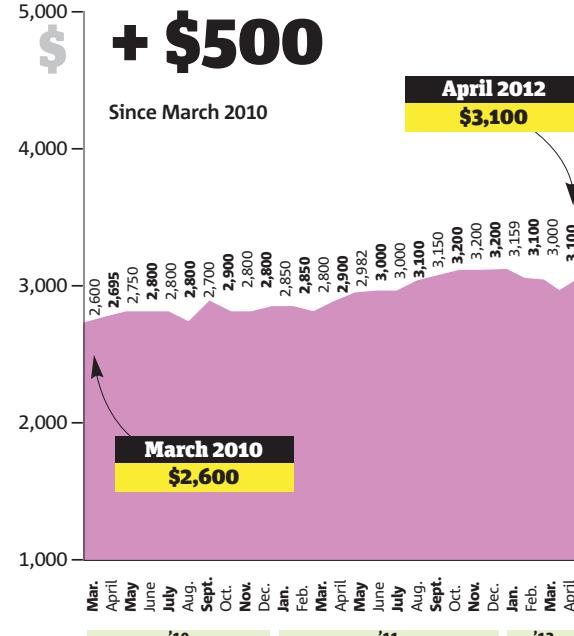
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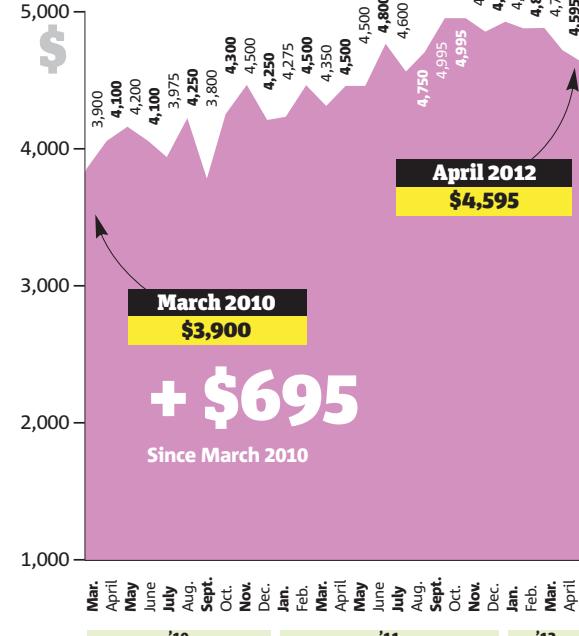
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